



From the Desk of County Executive Daniel M. Finley...

When we think about parks we naturally tend to think about swimming, hiking, and picnicking. But activities at our parks don't end when the days get shorter and the snow begins to fall. They are just beginning.

So, as the leaves change and summer again gives way to fall and winter, it is time to think about experiencing the beauty and opportunities that the Waukesha County Park System offers year round.

Take time this winter to enjoy cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding at your favorite Waukesha County park. In addition, you can brush up on your ice skating year round at the Eble and Naga-Waukee Ice Arena's. Whatever your pleasure, take advantage of your Waukesha County parks this winter.

For more information on certain activities at particular parks, click on the Waukesha County home page at www.waukeshacounty.gov or call us at 548-7801. Get out and enjoy!

County Provides Dividends to Recycling Partner Municipalities

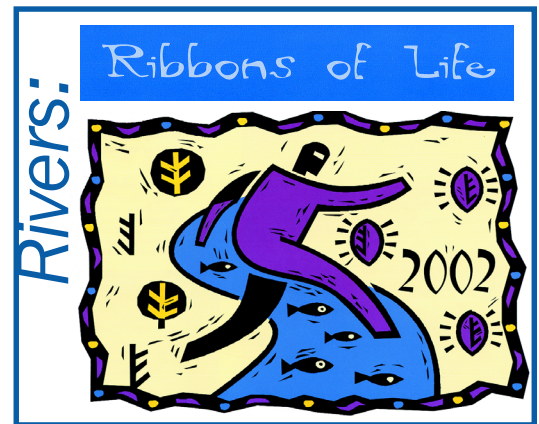
By Karen Fiedler, Recycling Supervisor

In Waukesha County's 2002 budget, twenty-five municipalities participating in the county recycling program will receive a total of \$600,000 in dividends. Amounts range from \$1,400 to \$145,000 based on the percentage of state grant contributions received since the beginning of the program. Last fall the County Board approved a policy of annual dividends, provided there is sufficient balance in the segregated cash reserve fund to maintain operations without charging a tip fee at the MRF.

As Responsible Unit, the county has used state funds received on behalf of partner municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to provide processing and marketing of recyclables at it's Materials

Recycling Facility (MRF). County staff also provides coordination of the program, public education, and conduct business compliance inspections. Municipalities are responsible for the cost of recyclables collection for residents as part of their contracts with haulers.

Since 1991, more than **187,500 tons** of newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, residential office paper and mail, glass, plastic bottles and cans have been collected and processed for recycling at the MRF. That equates to more than 9,300 semi truckloads of baled materials shipped to markets to be manufactured into new products.



Rivers - Ribbons of Life

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This year's Champions of the Environment Competition will celebrate rivers with the theme of Rivers Ribbons of Life. The Champions of the Environment competition is open to all students of Waukesha County in grades K-12.

Students may demonstrate their environmental knowledge in 6 different divisions, including poster, spokesperson, computer art, essay, photography and project. Medals and savings bonds will be awarded in each division for the top three finalists in each age category \$100, \$75, and \$50 respectively. Age categories are grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Entries should reflect the theme Rivers Ribbons of Life. For complete rules and deadlines, call Jayne Jenks at 896-8305.

Wisconsin has been blessed with abundant water resources, and rivers are a vital part. Let's celebrate our rivers and be a Champion for our Environment!